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1. [] the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee assigned 120 political workers to the Kwangtung River Defense Command, the 6 Military Sub-District Command, and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Column. Ostensibly these workers were to direct, advise, and improve the indoctrination of the Chinese Communist troops under these commands. Actually, they were assigned to control and supervise the units under TSENG Sheng.¹ Early in July TSENG became a problem to the Communist authorities because he was too independent and because his troops were poorly disciplined. His troops were causing friction with the local populace.

2. [] there were three Chinese Communist gun boats anchored near the Chin Li Yuan (金利源) wharf in Shanghai. Each was equipped with one heavy calibre gun and three heavy machine guns. Also near the same wharf were 2 cargo ships, the CHIANG HUA (江華)² and the TA HSIUNG (達興).

3. [] 20 Soviet submarines were being prepared to join Chinese naval units in operations off the east and west coasts of Korea in September and October. Chinese naval units were in the ports of Saitao (123-25, 36-53) and Port Arthur.

1. [] Comment. [] reported TSENG as commander of the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters as of late 1950. [] reported him as commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Column as of March 1951.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] there are references to a CHIANG HUA, of 3,692 tons, which runs between Shanghai and Chiuchiang.

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